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Sir:

In fulfillment of the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. These references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not a representation that the documents cited herein are considered most pertinent, or that a search has been undertaken, or that any of the cited documents is indeed prior art. The Examiner is invited to undertake an independent search.

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/988,137, filed December 23, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,319,670 B1), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/954,355, filed October 20, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,096,500),

which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/437,348, filed May 9, 1995 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,679,519) (collectively, "Parent Applications"), all of which are incorporated herein by reference. Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of these references are not enclosed because they were either previously cited by or submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the Parent Applications, which are relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and make of record the documents cited herein. Applicants further request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, appropriately initialed by the Examiner, be returned to Applicants' attorney.

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